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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 131.

READ—the following papers:—

From Major J. C. WALKER, Conservator of Forests, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th November 1882, No. 1622-C.

In continuation of our demi-official correspondence I have the honor to submit copy of a letter, No. 514-C., dated 14th instant, from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Division, with an endorsement by the Collector, on the subject of the new drying shed for chinchona bark at Naduvatom, and to request that if possible a special Overseer or "Clerk of Works" be deputed to push on the work and render its completion before the next barking season (May 1883) a matter of certainty.

ENCLOSURE.

From H. A. GASS, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nilgiri Division, in charge of Chinchona Plantation, to the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 14th November 1882, No. 514-C.—(Through Collector.)

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the work of erecting the new drying shed, &c., at Naduvatom is now proceeding.

2. It is, as you are aware, most important that these buildings should be completed in time for use next year, as we can on no account again make use of the old jail or present drying shed through another season.

3. The weather this year at Naduvatom has been unusually bad, the trees on the estates suffered immensely and most of our buildings a good deal, some having collapsed altogether; bridges and roads were washed away; some Government bullocks died from the inclemency of the weather, and altogether very much damage was done.

4. The present drying shed (the old jail) was a source of much anxiety and trouble; at the commencement of the south-west monsoon the roof had to be patched up with tarpaulin, tar and sand, mats, &c., at a cost of Rs. 500. In July there was great fear of the place falling down, as the walls had become saturated; the bark had to be removed for fear of such an accident, and the collection of crop had to be stopped. It was however resumed on the weather improving a little.

5. The drying shed was at one time so damp that excessive fires had to be kept up to maintain the necessary heat; and the result was flues burst on one or two occasions and though only trifling damage was done still a great risk was run, and neither the drying shed nor its contents are insured, and at the best of times the risk of fire is always great. This year the drying shed on a neighbouring private estate was destroyed by fire.

6. I have brought all these facts to your notice, as I think it desirable that the completion of the new drying shed, &c., before the commencement of the next south-west monsoon, should be made a perfect certainty. I venture to suggest therefore that you should write now to the proper authorities on the subject, and, if possible, get a Public Works Department Overseer posted to Naduvatom to be in charge of this work and nothing else till it is finished.

Endorsement on the above.

It seems to me to be very necessary to have a competent Clerk of Works to superintend the building of the new drying shed.

(Signed) A. J. E. ATKINSON,
Acting Collector.

No. 2213 C.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, for report as to the arrangements he proposes to make for the supervision of this work which is regarded as a work of the most pressing urgency.

(By Order.)

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
2nd December 1882.
To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, in original, to be returned.

No. 131-A.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 11th December 1882, No. 532.

In reply to your endorsement,* herewith returned, I have the honor to report that,

* No. 2213 C. of 2nd December. according to present arrangements, the chinchona drying sheds at Naduvatom are to be carried out by contract, the contractor supplying his own labor.

2. This is the least costly way of doing work in those parts, as all labor has to be imported, and the Executive Engineer has already much difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply for urgent works in progress at Octacumund.

3. I have requested Mr. Larminie to give the contractor written warning that if the works do not make satisfactory progress they will be taken out of his hands; but it is for the contractor's own interest to complete as soon as possible, and the Executive Engineer is of opinion that the sole cause of delay has been the extremely unfavorable nature of the weather.

4. The work will in future be supervised directly by Serjeant McAlister, who will visit the place at short intervals; and the divisional officer will also go there as often as possible.

5. I do not think that an Overseer being stationed on the spot would materially affect the rate of progress; and in the present press of work elsewhere it is impracticable to spare an Overseer from any other part of the Circle. But if I had an Apprentice Overseer or Supervisor I would station him there to report progress and see that orders were carefully attended to. Possibly you may be able to withdraw one from some other Circle for this purpose.

6. I have arranged to visit Naduvatom next week in order to make myself thoroughly acquainted with the state of progress, and because the estimates are reported to need considerable revision.

P.S. - I would propose employing a temporary Overseer to be paid from the estimate but that it is so difficult to get a fit person to go to those parts.

No. 132.

ORDER—dated 18th December 1882, No. 3348 W., Public Works.

The arrangements made by the Superintending Engineer are approved. The work should be steadily watched, and no avoidable cause allowed to interfere with its progress.

2. Two of the late Apprentice Overseers have since been posted to the Circle.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Conservator of Forest.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 18th.

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G.O., 18th Dec. 1882, No. 3348 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 131-132.

Chinchona Drying Sheds,
Naduvattam.

The arrangements made for carrying out
the works in connection with the —, approved.

Form No. 59.

OFFICE OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

Madras 27 November 1882.

No. 1622

FROM

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

TO

THE

Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

In continuation of our Demi Official
Correspondence, I have the honor to sub-
mit copy of a letter No. $\frac{574}{c}$ dated 14th
Instant from the Deputy Conservator of
Forests, Nilgiri Division, with an endorse-
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new drying shed for Chinchona bark at
Naduvattam and to request that if possible
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deputed to push on the work and render
its completion before the next barking
Season (May, 1883) a matter of certainty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Chief Engineer
Conservator
for Conservator of Forests.

Exd. by



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FOREST DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

TO
THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

DATED 29th Nov 1882.
Despatched 30th Nov 1882.
Received

No. 1622.

Enclosures one.

Subject.

Requests the deputation
of a Special Overseer or
"clerk of works" for the
completion of the new drying
shed for Chinchona-Bark
at Niddivattam.

Referred.

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in Circle for report
as to the arrange-
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to make for the
supervision of this
work which is
regarded as a work
of the most pressing
urgency.

(By order)

Wm Thompson St. Col. K.
Ag. Dy. Chief Eng.
P.W. Dept.

To The Suply. Eng.
in Circle in original
to be returned.

Office of Deputy Conserv. of Forests
Cotacamund 14th November, 1882

No. 514
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From

The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Nilgiri Division
in charge of Chinchona Plantation

To.

The Conservator of Forests.
Madras.

thru Collector

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your
notice, that the work of erecting the new
drying shed at Niddivattam is
now proceeding.

2. It is, as you are aware, most
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be completed in time for use next year,
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6. I have brought all these facts to your notice, as I think it desirable that the completion of the new drying shed

shed be before the commencement of the next South West monsoon should be made a perfect certainty. I venture to suggest therefore that you should write now to the proper authorities on the subject and, if possible get a D. P. W. overseer posted to Neddivattam to be in charge of this work and do nothing else till it is finished.

I have the honor to
(Signed) H. A. Gass.

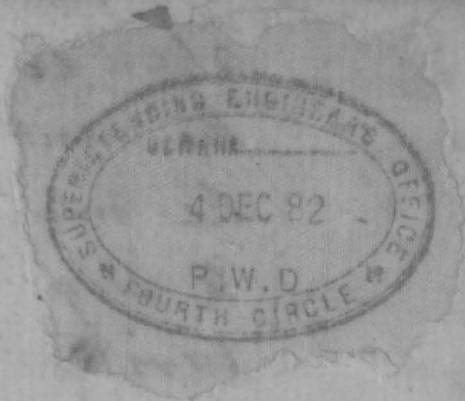
Dy. Commr. of Forests in charge

It seems to me to be very necessary to have a competent clerk of the Works to superintend the building of the new drying shed.

(True Copy) Dy. Commr. of Forests

for Commr. of Forests

In the



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N^o 532Super^r Engineer's Office
Bombay, 17th December 1882

From

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The Superintending Engineer
IV CircleThe Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

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N^o 22132 of
2nd December

Sir

In reply to your endorsement
herewith returned I have the honor
to report that, according to present
arrangements, the Cinchona drying
sheds at Heddiwattam are to be
carried out by contract; the Contractor
supplying his own labor.

2. This is the least costly way
of doing work in those parts, as
all labor has to be imported, and
the Executive Engineer has already
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sufficient supply for urgent
works in progress at Ootacamund.

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4 The work will in future be supervised directly by Sergeant Mr. Calister, who will visit the place at short intervals; and the Divisional officer will also go there as often as possible.

5 I do not think that an Overseer being stationed on the spot would materially affect the rate of progress; and in the present press of work elsewhere, it is impracticable.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

J. Beatty - Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer
Tr. Circle

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L.B.

No. 3348 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th Decr/82
Read the following:—

From,

The Conservator of Forests (S.O. No. 1622/C of 29 Nov/82)
" Supty Engr Fourth Circle (" " 532 of 11th Decr ")

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From
The Supty Engineer
Fourth Circle

Dated 11th Decr. 1882.

No. 532.

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Cinchona drying sheds

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14.12.82

Mr Wm H. E. Sullivan

For information

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G. O. 18th Dec 1882 No. 3348.

Nos. 131-132

Chinchora Drying Shed
Indivattam.

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for carrying out the
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with the — approved.

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